
First Steps Facilitator: Karen Jacobi, Representing 31 counties**Regional LICC status:**

Active LICCs: 7 LICCs representing 31 counties

Inactive LICCs: None

LICCs in development: None

Primary Outcomes of LICCs:

1. Communication/Collaboration/Support of SPOEs
2. Provider Recruitment
3. PR/Child find
4. Quality Assurance

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

- **Meetings & Membership:** All of the LICCs in the NW Region have continued to meet on a regular basis either at regular scheduled meetings or thru email/phone conferences. Membership recruitment strategies include public notices of meetings in local newspapers and exchange of interagency information.
- **SPOE Activity:** The councils are communicating and collaborating with their SPOEs at various levels depending upon their locations (Phase 1 or Phase 2).
- **Provider Recruitment:** The Councils have developed and executed provider recruitment strategies, independently and collaboratively with the First Steps Facilitator, including distribution of recruitment information and one-to-one contact with potential providers.
- **Public Relations:** The LICCs continue to provide information to Key Stakeholders in their communities thru the distribution of First Steps literature and one-one contact with: Agencies, including the medical community; providers and Early Intervention programs as well as recruiting for representation on the Local Councils.
- **Quality Assurance:** The P1 LICCs have developed and distributed surveys to providers and parents participating in the program. Their survey material has been shared with the LICCs on the East side of the state, as requested.

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

- Two of the NW LICCs emphasize that a meeting to discuss the concerns and problems that have surfaced with the implementation of Phase1. They feel strongly that this meeting would be constructive in terms of identifying solutions to those problems.
- In some P1 areas there have been issues regarding authorization for services including generating summaries of authorizations.
- Most of the LICCs are concerned about the lack of providers in their geographic area.
- Representation of partnering agencies and parent/family membership on the LICCs
- Need for funding to support LICC activities and ongoing technical support

Key points and significant information to provide SICC:

1. Johnson County LICC would like to inform the SICC that although small, they are a cohesive group dedicated to implementing the Redesigned FS program.

2. The Andrew/Buchanan and Nodaway/Atchison SPOE area have expressed their concerns about the added responsibility DESE has allocated to their SPOEs to generate lists of service authorizations.

